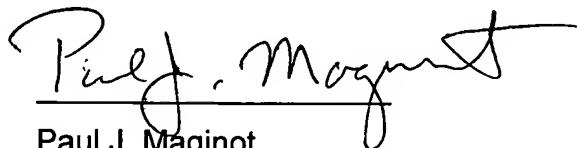


REMARKS

Claims 1-23 remain in this application after amendment of claims 1-23.

Applicant respectfully requests the entry of this preliminary amendment and an early allowance of all pending claims.

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